

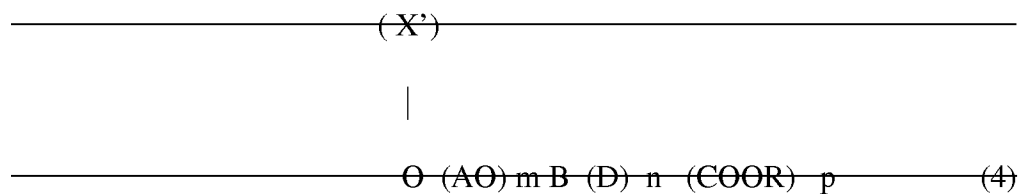
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 7, 14, and 15 as follows:

1 - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An amphiphilic block polymer comprising:

(a) a hydrophilic block segment having a repeating unit structure represented by the general formula (4):



wherein:

~~X'~~ represents a polyalkenyl group;

[[each]] A represents ~~independently~~ a linear or branched alkylene group of 1 to 15 carbon atoms ~~which may be substituted~~;

m represents ~~an integer of 0 to 30~~ 0 or 1;

B represents a single bond or an alkylene group ~~which may be substituted~~ of 1 to 20 carbon atoms;

each D represents independently an aromatic ring structure in which at least one hydrogen atom attached to the ring is displaced by a fluorine atom;

n represents an integer of 1 to 10;

p represents ~~0 or 1~~; and

~~COOR represents a carboxylic acid ester, a carboxylic acid, or a salt of a carboxylic acid anion and a cation~~ R represents an alkyl group or an aromatic ring structure, and

(b) a hydrophobic block segment.

8. (Previously Presented) The amphiphilic block polymer according to claim 7, further comprising another hydrophilic block segment.

9-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The amphiphilic block polymer according to claim 7, wherein four ~~of~~ hydrogen atoms attached to the aromatic ring structure represented by D in the general formula (4) are each ~~displayed~~ displaced by fluorine atoms.

15. (Currently Amended) The amphiphilic block polymer according to claim 7, wherein the hydrophobic block segment has a repeating unit structure represented by the general formula (8):



wherein:

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl groups of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, -Ph, -Pyr, -Ph-Ph, -Ph-Pyr, $-(\text{CH}(\text{R}^5)-\text{CH}(\text{R}^6)-\text{O})_p-\text{R}^7$, and $-(\text{CH}_2)_m-(\text{O})_n-\text{R}^7$, and hydrogen atom(s) in the aromatic ring may be replaced by linear or branched alkyl group(s) of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and carbon atom(s) in the aromatic ring may be replaced by nitrogen atom(s), wherein:

p represents an integer of 1 to 18;

m represents an integer of 1 to 36;

n represents 0 or 1;

each of R^5 and R^6 represents independently a hydrogen atom or $-\text{CH}_3$; and

R^7 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl group of 1 to 18 carbon atoms, -Ph, -Pyr, -Ph-Ph, -Ph-Pyr, -CHO, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$, $-\text{CO}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, $-\text{CO}-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)=\text{CH}_2$ and CH_2COOR_8 , and when R^7 is other than a hydrogen atom, hydrogen atom(s) attached to carbon atom(s) in R^7 may be replaced by a linear or branched alkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms, -F, ~~-Cl~~ or -Cl, or -Br, and carbon atom(s) in the aromatic ring may be replaced by nitrogen atom(s), wherein:

R^8 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 5 carbon atoms;

Ph represents a phenyl group; and

Pyr represents a pyridyl group.